deposited with the United I hereby certify that this correspondence is Attorney Docket No.: 015114-04 States Postal Service as first class mail ig Client Reference No.: A211 Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: 2819 Art Unit: Srinivas Reddy et al. D. Chang Examiner: Application No.: 09/832,685 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Filed: April 10, 2001 07/16/2001 SSESHE1 00000062 201430 09832685 For: TRISTATE STRUCTURES FOR 432.00 CH 480.00 CH 01 FC:103 02 FC:102 PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICES **Box Preliminary Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. IN THE CLAIMS: Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice. Please enter the following new claims 11-54. A programmable logic integrated circuit comprising: (New) 11. a plurality of logic elements, programmably configurable to implement logic functions; and a tristate device coupled to at least one logic element, wherein the tristate device comprises: 5 a data input; 6